

REMARKS

Claims 15-28 and 35-38 are pending in the present application. By amendment above, Claims 15 and 35-38 have been canceled. Accordingly, only allowed Claims 16-28 remain pending and active. The application is now in a condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass the application to issue.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the above, he is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below so that any outstanding issues can be resolved in a timely and efficient manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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